

It is very difficult for me to understand why lawmakers always wait until a species is so vulnerable before taking action.

I grew up accustomed to seeing horseshoe crabs along the shoreline near my home. They've always fascinated me. I used them in my teaching career as well as to study with my own children. We would regularly rescue crabs that were stuck in the rocks or had stayed ashore too long and carefully watched as those who laid their eggs finished up and backed away into the water.

I was incensed over the years at seeing trucks pull up to yank every single horseshoe crab in sight out of the water and into huge buckets to be used as bait- before they could lay their eggs.

My observation is that the number of horseshoe crabs in my area of Branford and Guilford has plummeted in recent years. Last year I saw one single horseshoe crab. It's such a crime. Please support HB 5140 and save these prehistoric marvels.

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